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FOREVER **EIU**



Ross McCullough '87
President of UPS Asia Pacific Region

Diversity, relationships part and parcel of alumnus' world

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An EIU alumnus, **Robert DeBolt '62** has given back to the EIU community in extraordinary ways. A major contributor to the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, his philanthropy is just one of many examples of EIU alumni who choose to give back to the same community that helped them achieve their own personal and professional successes.

"I'm at a point in my life where I'm very fortunate to have everything I need," DeBolt shared. "By giving to EIU, I know I'm helping students who may be struggling financially, and I hope it encourages other EIU alumni and current students to consider giving back to EIU as a way to continue paying it forward."

Now enjoying retirement, DeBolt's IRA requires an annual minimum distribution. He has used those pre-tax distributions in part to make significant gifts to the School of Technology, and has helped set up several scholarships benefiting the school and the university as a whole. He also helped fund the acquisition of an electron microscope through a matching funds donation, and his giving has subsidized maintenance, equipment, and supplies benefiting the School of Technology.

"Bob DeBolt's remarkable relationship with EIU and the School of Technology is a source of joy and celebration for the university and for the students we serve," said Dean of the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences Mahyar Izadi. "His ongoing support enables EIU to stay on the leading edge of technology and engineering education and empowers our students to achieve their fullest potentials. We appreciate his enduring and exemplary connection to EIU, and are equally proud of the example he sets for others wishing to pursue their own philanthropic goals with their beloved alma mater. The School of Technology is greatly indebted to his generous donations toward establishing scholarship and the naming of a laboratory facility."

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Ever the dedicated alumnus, DeBolt is to be admired for his generosity and sense of duty. Eastern is a better place thanks to Robert DeBolt, as well as so many other dedicated EIU alumni.

You, too, can make a difference in the lives of EIU students!

Please contact the EIU Foundation and Office of Development at (217) 581-3313 for more information on making a gift in support of our current and future students!

Robert DeBolt '62, center, with EIU Foundation executive officer Jonathan McKenzie '99, '01, and Judy Ethell '82, member of the EIU Foundation Board of Directors.

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TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



1.



YOU'LL GET A HIGH- QUALITY EDUCATION:

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKS

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AS THE

#1 PUBLIC REGIONAL UNIVERSITY IN ILLINOIS

AND #6 IN THE MIDWEST.

2.

\$900 SAVED ANNUALLY BY RENTING TEXTBOOKS

YOU'LL RENT YOUR TEXTBOOKS: YOU'LL SAVE \$900 A YEAR RENTING RATHER THAN BUYING TEXTBOOKS, AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE HASSLE OF HUNTING FOR AND THEN RESELLING TEXTBOOKS EVERY SEMESTER.



3.

98%

**OF OUR CLASSES
ARE TAUGHT BY
FACULTY**

YOU'LL LEARN FROM OUR BEST: 98% OF OUR CLASSES ARE TAUGHT BY FACULTY, NOT TEACHING ASSISTANTS LIKE AT BIGGER UNIVERSITIES. OUR FACULTY HAVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TEACHING AND ARE EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS.

4.

YOU CAN AFFORD IT:

WASHINGTON MONTHLY NAMED EIU IN THE TOP 10 (OF MORE THAN 300) IN THEIR "BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK" REPORT FOR THE MIDWEST, AND BUSINESS INSIDERS RANKED CHARLESTON AS THE 2ND MOST AFFORDABLE COLLEGE TOWN IN AMERICA.

5.

14:1

**student-to-
faculty ratio**

YOUR TEACHERS WILL KNOW YOU: WITH A STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO OF ONLY 14 TO 1, TEACHERS WILL KNOW YOU BY NAME AND WILL HAVE TIME OUTSIDE CLASS TO HELP YOU MEET YOUR ACADEMIC AND POST-GRADUATION GOALS.

6.

A CUT ABOVE:



Students who utilize EIU's Career Services programming enjoy career outcome rates 8% higher than the national average.

7.



YOU'LL FIT IN:

WE HAVE A THRIVING GREEK LIFE COMMUNITY AND OVER 200 STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS, SO YOU'LL BE SURE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AND FRIENDS.

8.

YOU'LL HAVE PANTHER PRIDE:



**EASTERN
ILLINOIS™**

EIU PARTICIPATES IN DIVISION I ATHLETICS, SO YOU'LL BE CHALLENGED IF YOU'RE ON THE TEAM AND ENTERTAINED IF YOU'RE IN THE BLEACHERS.

9.

YOU'LL WANT TO STAY:

EIU HAS THE HIGHEST FRESHMAN RETENTION RATE AND HIGHEST GRADUATION RATE AMONG ALL ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN ITS CLASS.

10.

YOU'LL BE SAFE:



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Vitalization Project inspires energy, innovation

Eastern Illinois University continues to proactively position itself for the future, according to dean of the Graduate School, professor of political science, and EIU Vitalization Project Task Force committee chair Dr. Ryan Hendrickson.

“The entire campus community is working collaboratively to position Eastern for strategic development and calculated, incremental growth,” Hendrickson said, addressing the committee’s overall progress. “The workgroups across campus have done an amazing job to move this project forward and to develop targeted recommendations for enhancement in every area, empowering EIU to take proactive measures to prepare our students, faculty, staff, and community members for decades of continued success.”

In fiscal year 2016, an unprecedented budgetary impasse in Springfield saw EIU receiving stopgap appropriations of only \$12.6 million—much less than the university’s anticipated appropriation of approximately \$38 million. Citing a need to counteract these decreases in state appropriations, EIU president Dr. David Glassman convened a

collaborative, campus-wide committee to work with internal and external stakeholders to assess the university’s academic and non-academic programs and services in terms of their viability, efficiency, and sustainability. Nine area-specific workgroups then assisted in collecting, interpreting, analyzing, and sharing their findings prior to advancing final recommendations. The goal: To put EIU on a “Pathway to Success” that Dr. Glassman initially outlined in his fall 2015 state of the university address.

As a result, the Vitalization Project will guide budget and planning decisions for future allocation of resources and strategic investments. It will assess the viability and operational efficiency of EIU’s diverse selection of academic programs, student services, enrollment management practices, facilities, intercollegiate sports, and university

marketing and branding strategies. In addition, it will provide a context for crafting a vision for the university’s vitalized future—its organization, its academic programs, and its learning and delivery formats, as well as other targeted investments intended to attract enhanced enrollments and distinguish EIU as a first-choice, highest-quality, best-value option in the competitive Midwestern higher education marketplace.

Through this process, one hallmark remains convincingly clear: EIU is a resilient institution, composed of passionate students, spirited employees, and a caring community who all continue to stand united to overcome these temporary challenges. As the university moves forward with these initiatives, EIU will continue to proactively prepare itself for a sustainable and successful future for its students and its region.



Dr. Glassman (center) testifies at a legislative committee hearing in Springfield about the importance of higher education funding in Illinois. He is bookended by provost and vice president of academic affairs Dr. Blair Lord (left) and vice president for business affairs/treasurer Paul McCann.

EIU contributes \$500 million to state's annual economic output, study finds

The results of a recent independent study conducted by Coles Together, the economic development organization for Coles County, indicate the economic impact of Eastern Illinois University on the state and local economy is remarkable, even outperforming the economic impact of many top regional industries. The study's top finding states that EIU adds \$503.5 million in economic output to the State of Illinois while contributing \$461.8 million in economic output to the region on an annual basis.

Other unique findings on EIU's regional impact include:

- EIU contributes 10.3% of the jobs in Coles County.
- Student spending in Coles County increases \$8.6 million annually for every 1,000 students enrolled at EIU.
- Charleston-area businesses attribute up to 40% of revenue to EIU's presence.

The full report is available in the EIU archives at thekeep.eiu.edu.



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Two alumni named to EIU Board of Trustees

Two new faces have recently joined EIU's Board of Trustees.



Thompson Jr.



Baurer

Belleville resident Phillip (P.J.) Thompson Jr. '03 and Minier resident Barbara Baurer '75, '76 were recently appointed by Gov. Bruce Rauner to serve on EIU's eight-member board.

Thompson's face is a familiar one to the EIU community. He received his bachelor's

degree in sociology from the university in 2003 before spending nearly five years as EIU's alumni events coordinator. He then used the skills he learned and honed at EIU by serving as associate director of alumni relations at Bradley University in Peoria before becoming the director of alumni relations at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois.

"I am excited to serve my alma mater as a member of its Board of Trustees," Thompson said at the time of his appointment. "Higher education is something I am passionate about and (I) want to continue to use the skills I've acquired to enhance the wonderful things already being done at EIU."

"We are in need of strong leaders and I look forward to working with the other members of the board, many of whom I've had the opportunity to work with in the past and for whom I have the utmost respect," Baurer added.

Baurer, who earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics from EIU in 1975 and her master's degree in business administration a year later, recently retired from Country Financial where she held the position of chief operating officer since 1999. She is a former member and past chair of the EIU College of Business Advisory Board and received the Distinguished Alumna Award from the EIU Alumni Association in 2006.

Thompson replaces Rene Hutchinson '74 of Chicago, while Baurer replaces Kris Goetz '98, '00 of Lombard. Their terms both expired earlier this year after being appointed by then-Governor Pat Quinn in 2011.

Gatrell named provost, vice president for academic affairs



Dr. Jay D. Gatrell, a professor of geography and environmental studies and vice provost for faculty affairs and research at Bellarmine University (Louisville, Kentucky), has been selected to serve as EIU's next provost and vice president for academic affairs. He will officially step into the role July 1, 2017, replacing Dr. Blair Lord, who announced his intent to retire last year. Blair will end his service to the university June 30 after serving in the role for nearly 16 years.

"I look forward to collaborating with the faculty on strategic initiatives as the leadership and entire community begin the important process of charting and implementing new pathways for student success," Gatrell said. "Most importantly, I am excited to learn more about EIU's high quality academic programs and ongoing efforts to strengthen and enhance the campus experience for everyone—students, staff, faculty, Charleston, and the region."

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Norman named assistant vice president of enrollment management



In January, Josh Norman '08 was selected as EIU's new associate vice president for enrollment management. The position is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating and administering an effective enrollment management program at EIU.

Norman has served EIU in several capacities since 2008 in both the Registrar and admissions areas

as well as in enrollment management. He has demonstrated a remarkable enthusiasm for EIU and looks forward to enhancing EIU's enrollment in what has become a highly competitive Illinois higher education environment.

EIU recognized in Top 20 U.S. study abroad programs

According to a lendedu.com—a top online student financial and educational marketplace—Eastern Illinois University is one of the top study abroad institutions in the U.S. The article notes "with a special focus on developing the knowledge and cross-cultural skills necessary for leadership in an increasingly global economy, the school leads semesters abroad with expert faculty members, with each trip geared towards a specific field of study. The combination of history, studying and exploratory fun make EIU a great choice for many students interested in these opportunities."

Pizza with the President



In March, Eastern Illinois University president Dr. David Glassman hosted an interactive student forum in Buzzard Auditorium to explore what students love about EIU and what the university could do to enhance their college experience on campus and in the City of Charleston. The event also served to build excitement about EIU's intent to reinforce its student-based grassroots advocacy efforts to enhance recruitment and admissions.



The Class of 2017's Distinguished Seniors

The most distinguished seniors at EIU are individuals who have enriched the university community with their active involvement in all facets of campus life.

The Distinguished Senior Awards recognize those who have demonstrated outstanding character and leadership through academic achievement, campus and community involvement, and/or extra-curricular honors or awards. This year's recipients were recognized during an April 29 reception. Membership dues from the EIU Alumni Association support the awards.

In alphabetical order, this year's recipients included Kelsie Abolt, a family and consumer sciences major from Charleston; Bryn Buckwalter, a recreation administration major from Freeport; Kharis Campanano, a psychology major from Aurora; Baylee Dibble, a special education major from Plainfield; Greta Dieter, a political science major from Oswego; Rachel Garippo, a health administration major from Roselle; Ruth Garippo, an accounting major from Roselle; Alexis Garner, a family and consumer sciences major from Mt. Carmel; Nathan Gayheart, a chemistry teacher education major from Penfield; Ivy Handley, a

special education major from Decatur; Megan Ivey, a journalism major from Belleville; Lucas Johnson, a political science major from Orion; Brittany Jones, a biological sciences major from Bolingbrook; Larissa Kmetz, a sociology major from Peru; Jennifer Mazurkiewicz, a special education major from Norridge; Riley McInerney, a kinesiology and sports studies major from Charleston; Paxson Menard, a sociology major from Poplar Grove; Leon Mire, a philosophy major from Mattoon; Maralea Negron, a political science and foreign languages major from Elgin; Molly Newland, a special education major from South Elgin; Austin Parrish, a biological sciences major from Anderson (Indiana); Katie Price, a special education major from Dawson; Greg Rogers, a kinesiology and sports studies major from Collinsville; Catelin Witt, a political science and communication major from Carlinville; and Yuan Yuan, a finance major from Beijing, China.

Left to right—front row: Maralea Negron, Katie Price, Greta Dieter, Kelsie Abolt, Brittany Jones, Alexis Garner, Yuan Yuan; **middle row:** Larissa Kmetz, Jennifer Mazurkiewicz, Baylee Dibble, Kharis Campanano, Paxson Menard, Leon Mire; **back row:** Catelin Witt, Greg Rogers, Lucas Johnson, Austin Parrish, Nathan Gayheart, Riley McInerney, and president of the Alumni Association board of directors, Terry Prillaman '81. **Not pictured:** Bryn Buckwalter, Rachel Garippo, Ruth Garippo, Ivy Handley, Megan Ivey, and Molly Newland.

Cool Campus Content

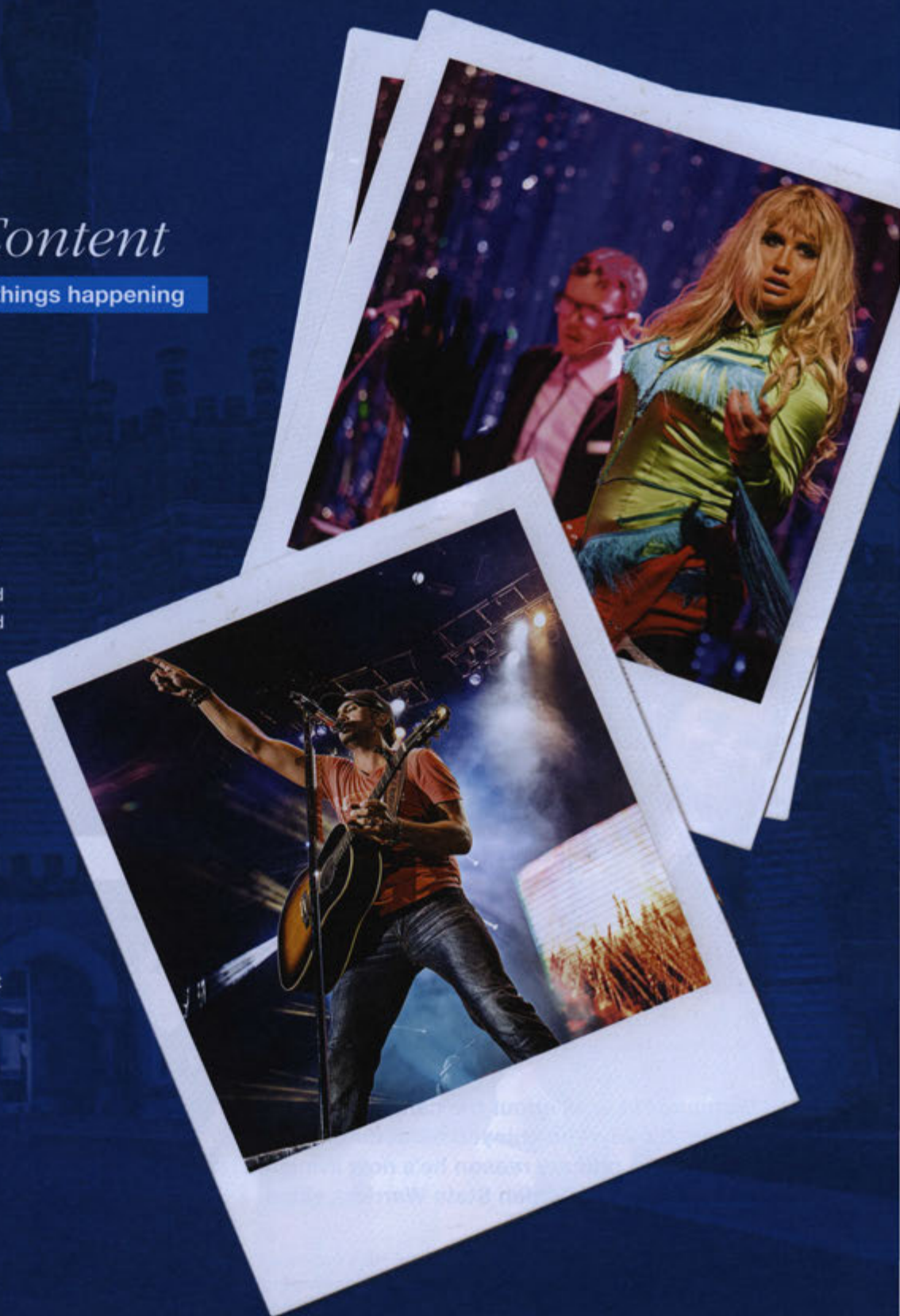
News and updates about the fun things happening at your alma mater.

Kesha delivers music, empowerment to EIU students

Kesha and the Creepies performed at this year's spring concert in April. The world-famous pop-rock star and her band brought a tangible energy to campus, playing such hits as "We R Who We R" and "Tik Tok" to the delight of an excited crowd at Lantz Arena.

Luke Bryan tour benefits four EIU students

Four local students have received a one-time, \$2,000 EIU Luke Bryan Farm Tour Scholarship, made possible through Bryan's 2016 performance in Effingham. Bryan launched the first of what has become an annual tradition—the Luke Bryan Farm Tour—in 2009. He regularly performs in farm-based venues throughout the country, and uses a portion of the ticket proceeds to create dozens of scholarships for local college students within those communities.



Drive proud, Illinois Panthers!

Eastern Illinois University license plates are available to Illinois motorists! By purchasing these plates, you will be helping support scholarships for EIU students attending EIU while displaying pride for your alma mater! Visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/vehicles/license_plate_guide/collegiate/eastern.html for more details.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Careers in Communication



Devin Dismang enjoying a “golden” career with NBA’s Warriors

Devin Dismang '14 is all about the camaraderie of brotherhood. It's what he enjoyed most during his time at EIU, and a primary reason he's now living his passion as part of the Golden State Warriors video production team.

As the lead coordinating producer for the successful NBA franchise, Dismang is charged with developing, documenting, and showcasing the team's unique in-arena and behind-the-scenes daily video content. That means his primary duty is to cultivate professional and friendly relationships with the players and coaches for all in-house and other video content—a skill he mastered as an EIU Panther. The best part about sharing in that brotherhood, he said, is getting to be a storyteller for the team. “Creating content and seeing it online is a proud moment for me every time. It's even better when I see it get requested by TV channels and see the features I've produced and created on NBA TV, NBC Sports Bay Area or even ESPN.”

Harking back, Dismang recalls some other fantastic memories of the EIU relationships he and his circle of friends and mentors created.

“My best memories are the friendships,” Dismang recalled. “whether it's with the best friends I've gained there, my fiancée Jordan Cox '11 who also attended EIU, to several other alumni who I keep in contact with – it's the camaraderie that comes with being an Eastern Illinois Panther. From having an NBA 2K video game tournament in the dorms, or heading out on a Friday or Saturday night to Marty's or the Penalty Box, the connections we've built at EIU remain extremely special to me and I wouldn't change it—or them—for anything. We've all been a part of big moments in each other's lives, and EIU was the foundation for creating and growing these friendships.”

Dismang said that EIU's Greek life was also a big part of his EIU experience.

Pictured above: Dismang with Marcelas Howard and Brandon Armstrong—two very popular social media personalities and NBA player impersonators.

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Dismang showing off some of his NBA D-League rings.

“My time as a part of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was very special to me as well,” Dismang said. “Dr. Charles Eberly was, and continues to be, someone who looked out for me while I was at EIU and helped me get to where I am today. Whether I needed advice or just a friendly chat, Doc was always there with a listening ear and a helping hand. I truly cannot thank him and EIU enough for everything that was given to me during my time there.”

“One of the most fulfilling parts about my education at EIU actually happened when I walked across the stage at graduation,” Dismang recalled.

“Prior to graduation, I found out I was selected as the event marketing assistant for the Atlanta Falcons, which I shared with my friends. That news spread like wildfire, and I remember walking onto the stage

and [former EIU wide receiver] Lorence Ricks '12 got up and yelled “Yeaaaaah, Mr. Falcon!” and the room erupted into applause. Having support like that was incredible. And ever since that moment, I get constant social media and text messages from other EIU alums and students seeking advice on chasing their dreams and how to find that first opportunity. To this day, I’ve always answered those messages, as I firmly believe in paying it forward and helping where I can. I know how hard you have to work to get that first shot, so I will do whatever I can to help fellow EIU alumni find success, as well!”

Through it all, Dismang is prouder than ever to be an EIU Panther, and to know his college experience helped him find a work environment he feels passionate about.

“I honestly am blessed with the position I am in here with the Warriors,” Dismang said. “I work with some of the best employees in the NBA and with the best team in the NBA. Guys like Steph Curry and Kevin Durant are comfortable enough with me now where we can make jokes and talk like regular people. It’s a family atmosphere here, just like it was and still is at EIU. Golden State and EIU are the same in that both are big, complex organizations but maintain a small, family-oriented feel. Everyone seems to know everyone, and that positive environment is crucial for building a professional team at the NBA level and for making lifelong friends and mentors at EIU.”

Dismang with members of the Game Ops team from the NBA Summer League.



Dismang with Joseph Sherman '12, Dismang’s roommate at EIU, close friend, and future best man in Dismang’s wedding.





Jill Falk's job is—quite literally— “For the Birds”

Jill (Schroeder) Falk '01 has molded her career into one of passion. As a multimedia video communications manager for the St. Louis Cardinals baseball franchise, Falk leads a unit within the communications department that produces the video content supporting the St. Louis Cardinals organization and brand. She wears several hats within the organization: She produces a weekly TV show—Cardinals Insider—with former Cardinals great Ozzie Smith; she reports on Cardinals features as an on-camera video journalist; and she's behind the production of social videos that go out every day on the Cardinals' official social channels, helping fans and community members connect with the team, players, and franchise through engaging and integrative communication.

“It's like a big family,” Falk said of her Cardinals experience. “And that family dynamic is something I learned to appreciate in an organization during my time at EIU.”

And Falk isn't just providing lip service. EIU has been part of her own family's rich history since the mid-1930s, when her maternal grandmother graduated from the university when it was a teachers college. Since then, both of Falk's parents, all of her aunts and uncles, and two of her cousins have attended EIU as well. In fact, her uncle, Tim McCollum '73, '77 is the vice president of EIU's Foundation Board and former president of the EIU Alumni Association.

Pictured above: Falk reviewing show scripts with Hall of Famer and Cardinals Insider host, Ozzie Smith, in the Cardinals Clubhouse March 17, 2017. Photo credit: Taka Yanagimoto/St. Louis Cardinals.



Jill Falk, multimedia video communication manager for the St. Louis Cardinals. Photo credit: Taka Yanagimoto/St. Louis Cardinals.

“I can speak for myself as well as my family when I say that one of the most advantageous benefits about going to EIU is having the ability to be involved in so many different things,” Falk said. “I didn’t feel like I had to pick just one activity or program to participate in. EIU provided me with a very well-rounded experience between academics and extracurriculars.”

Those outside-of-class initiatives included being a member of the Pink Panthers dance team, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, and a hostess at a local restaurant. Falk also was a contributing member to WEIU-TV, which

she says played an integral part in her academic and career successes.

“By the time I graduated, I was a producer, anchor, and reporter, and I interned at WCIA in Champaign,” Falk said. “The options available to

me as an EIU student really offered me the full college experience. And by taking advantage of what EIU had to offer, I was in a great position to move confidently to the workforce.”

Part of her professional experience, prior to her time with the Cardinals, was as a faculty member at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. There, she was in charge of the journalism program, which she patterned after the EIU program to replicate what she knew was a proven model of success.

“I’ve carried my EIU knowledge with me at every step in my career,” Falk said. “I remember the great professors, like Mike Bradd, Sue Kaufmann, and James Tidwell, who is unfortunately no longer with us. Each one knew and instilled in me the idea that a college should provide opportunities for students to take advantage of in and out of the classroom. When students are free to take ownership of those things, they are then able to build the best versions of themselves personally and professionally.”

“Our stories become our lives, and it’s those stories that we’ll hopefully always remember,” Falk declared. “Whether it’s a WEIU-TV story about the Amish Cheese Festival in Arcola, or a professional story about the St. Louis Cardinals, or a more personal story about our own families—each is significant in shaping who we are, and ultimately who we can become.”



Falk interviewing Yadier Molina’s big brother and former Major Leaguer, Bengie Molina, on Opening Day, April 2, 2017.



School districts nationwide compete for EIU educators

EIU's reach has always been a point of pride for the university, and with good reason. Many EIU graduates are recruited for careers and positions to address the current Illinois teacher shortage, while others are actively being recruited to address shortages in different areas of the nation and world. So in March, when EIU held its annual education recruiting event, school districts from Alaska to Texas and from Florida to Delaware were on hand—as well as representatives from China—to recruit quality EIU students to serve their school districts' unique needs.

"The number of districts from all over the country recruiting teachers from EIU is a testament to the quality of our candidates and our

"With EIU, we know we're getting a good student-teacher experience, professionalism, good communication, excellent learning content, and superior talent in the classroom and beyond."

programs," said Dr. Douglas Bower, associate dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. "Because the State of Illinois as well as most of the country is in the midst of a teacher shortage, there are jobs all across the nation waiting for graduates of our teacher education programs. We need to encourage prospective students across the region to consider teaching as a career, and we also need to remind them that there is no better place to prepare for that career than at Eastern Illinois University."

Top left: A glimpse inside the March educator's event in the Union, where future educators talk with school district recruiters from across the nation.

Top right: Joseph Jacobo (left), principal of Sonoran Sky Elementary School outside Phoenix, talks with an EIU student about job prospects in the Grand Canyon state.

Several recruiters at the event echoed Dr. Bower's sentiment.

"OCSD is a rural district, and we've found that our similar demographics and lifestyles create a lot of synergy between EIU graduates and the district," said Ken Kenworthy, superintendent of schools for Okeechobee County School District in central Florida. "We've had a lot of success recruiting quality candidates from Illinois and specifically from EIU. It's a logical partnership, because we are not only getting dynamic, ready-to-work teachers from EIU, we're also proactively responding to Florida's current teacher shortage."

"We love EIU because we know we're getting certified teachers who are passionate about what they want to do," added Joseph Jacobo, principal of Sonoran Sky Elementary School outside Phoenix. "With EIU, we know we're getting a good student-teacher experience, professionalism, good communication, excellent learning content, and superior talent in the classroom and beyond."

"EIU students are on the ball," Jacobo said. "We often talk to several sophomores and juniors who are proactively attending these recruiting events long before they need to secure a job. Even if they decide later to accept a position outside of our district, they are building their personal networks through face-to-face interaction that will benefit them throughout their entire careers."

In addition to recruiting events like this, EIU's career services area helps students and alumni seek and secure employment. In fact, EIU's career services outcomes exceed the national average by 7.9%. Learn more about those outcomes, as well as available programs and services, at www.eiu.edu/careers.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

From softball to spreadsheets, Maria Sorrentino plays the numbers

“The opportunity to play softball for EIU—and experience all the challenges and successes that came along with it—is something I will be forever grateful for,” said Maria Sorrentino ’12. “I am equally grateful for my EIU education because it has prepared me for life after college.”

For Sorrentino, life after college now happens to be as a financial analyst for ESPN, Inc. in its Connecticut headquarters. In that role, she is responsible for the financial management of SportsCenter ad sales revenue and plays a key role in much of the consolidated revenue reporting. She also maintains the financial models used across the finance department to develop ESPN financial plans and forecasts.

“I enjoy the overall atmosphere here at ESPN,” Sorrentino said. “As you’d imagine, it is a very sports-centric place, and as an avid sports fan, I love being around people who share that passion and enthusiasm.”

“I also really enjoy the day-to-day tasks of my position,” she detailed. “As a financial analyst, I am often deep in the details of our business and constantly being challenged to think critically and innovatively about our evolving business model.”

“Much of what I learned in my EIU business coursework is applicable to my daily tasks because it entails a good amount of executing core financial concepts,” she continued. “The use of Microsoft Excel is a large part of everything I work on, and I’m fortunate to have had many EIU classes incorporate Excel into the coursework so I could start the position already having those skills.”

Sorrentino also talked about how the EIU experience shaped her as a person and an employee.

“EIU is a very flexible university and a place where you truly create your own destiny,” she offered. “Many of the other larger universities throughout the state have classroom sizes too large to provide the intimate experience for the students, and many of the smaller colleges are too small to offer some of the larger-scale opportunities. EIU is a happy medium between the two and just the right size to let the students navigate their own future.”

“Without a doubt, the people I met and relationships I built are what make me most grateful that I chose to attend EIU,” she shared. “At EIU I learned to build and nurture relationships, take the initiative, and have confidence in myself and my work, and that is what has brought me professional success thus far. I couldn’t imagine my life without those four years at EIU and know I wouldn’t be nearly as accomplished today had I not gone there.”



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Diversity, relationships part and parcel of Ross McCullough's world



When you're in charge of a major geographic portion of the world's global shipping industry, you must embrace hard work, demonstrate resiliency, and appreciate diversity. Ross McCullough '87 embodies all those qualities. Luckily, McCullough, who serves as president of United Parcel Service's (UPS) Asia Pacific Region, picked up those life-enhancing skills—and so much more—during his time at Eastern Illinois University.

To be fair, it wasn't EIU alone that helped propel McCullough to a global leadership position at UPS, the world's largest package delivery company and provider of supply-chain management solutions. Hard work, performance, and perseverance have helped him achieve a more-than-30-year career within the organization. But today's successes, he noted, come on the heels of yesterday's tenacity.

"What I tell my kids is the education you get is directly related to the investment you make," McCullough said. "You have to engage in classes, participate in workshops, and really devote time to your studies. Learning is a mutual commitment."

Still, he credits EIU as having an immensely positive impact on his life.

"I owe so much to EIU," McCullough said during a brief visit to campus this past March. "I've had such an amazing career, I almost have to pinch myself when I think about it."

McCullough's professional story began in 1984. While attending Eastern Illinois University, he also started working for UPS as a local package sorter. A native of Windsor, Illinois, McCullough went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology in 1987. He soon took a position with UPS as an industrial engineer. From there, McCullough's career spanned several facets of the organization, including operations, industrial engineering, marketing and marketing strategy, and merger integration. McCullough also established and led the first UPS eCommerce team. Eventually, he worked his way up to president of Corporate Strategy, where he led the development of a comprehensive global vision and strategy communications platform.

Most recently, McCullough has taken on the role of president for the UPS Asia Pacific Region. In that role, he leads one of the fastest-growing regions of the world, with responsibility for more than 40 countries and territories throughout Asia. The territories he oversees stretch from South Korea and Japan to New Zealand all the way to the border in India, and comprises over 14,000 employees. That region is responsible for the shipping logistics behind a few hundred



Top: McCullough continues to celebrate EIU for teaching him the importance of diversity and collaboration in a globalized economy.

Bottom: A delivery truck navigates through the busy streets of Seoul, South Korea—a territory McCullough oversees as part of his role with UPS.

Ross McCullough '87 is the current president
of UPS Asia Pacific Region.



international flights per week, as well as an air and ocean freight operation. Much of what ships from those territories are manufactured goods. Despite being only a small portion of the 16 million global pieces UPS ships daily, the territories McCullough oversees are responsible for producing an extraordinarily strong revenue stream for the company.

Throughout his career, McCullough also has earned several distinctions. He was named Outstanding Industrial Technologist by the National Association of Industrial Technology in 2004, and in 2014 he was the recipient of the EIU School of Technology's Distinguished Alumni Award and the Outstanding EIU Foundation Member Award. He also earned the EIU Distinguished Alumni Award in 2015.

McCullough currently lives in Singapore with his wife Cindy and their two children. Through it all, he still plays an active role at EIU, including his service on the School of Technology Advisory Board. In fact, McCullough hosted one of the board's annual spring meetings at UPS Air Operation Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, where he offered a VIP tour for the group's members and to attending EIU administrators. In addition, they are generous supporters of Eastern Illinois University, and their dedication and goodwill for the School of Technology Future Fund has resulted in the naming of two spaces in Klehm Hall—a classroom and a faculty office, one of which is in honor of the late Dr. Tom Waskom. Living overseas, McCullough especially cherishes the times he is able to return to EIU's campus, where his journey first began.

"My career with UPS has wildly exceeded my expectations...but none of it would have been possible without EIU," he said. "Eastern laid an educational and personal foundation that fueled my career with UPS, and a big part of that includes the personal relationships and mentorships I had—and still have—here today."

McCullough shared the names of three specific people he feels a strong connection with on campus who have helped propel his personal and professional pursuits—Dr. Tom Waskom, former professor in the School of Technology; Dr. Mahyar Izadi, dean of the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences; and Dr. Austin Cheney, chair of the School of Technology. McCullough's appreciation for the late Dr. Waskom was a

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catalyst for his name becoming a permanent fixture within Klehm Hall.

"Dr. Waskom was a wonderful friend and mentor who taught me the importance of learning through engagement," McCullough remembered. "He and Dr. Izadi have always been nothing short of amazing—both were so instrumental in shaping my diverse worldview, which has been such a critical component of my own career success," he said.

"What's more, I can see how EIU's tradition of personal relationships is growing even stronger today," McCullough continued. "Dr. Cheney demonstrates his passionate commitment to the School of Technology through his deep devotion to students and unwavering energy. Those characteristics are undeniably important in business and in life...and EIU has always been able to leverage its ability to connect with students so well."

"When it gets right down to it, no single person can do anything in this world alone," McCullough said. "EIU taught me the importance of good teamwork and collaboration. Even today, EIU is still encouraging its students to think differently, which empowers them to act on the kinds of life choices and changes that will benefit them today and long into the future. Coupled with strong communication skills, an EIU education gives its students the ability to solve problems, package their solutions in a compelling way, then act with conviction to give them the personal agency they need to succeed in their careers and in life."

"What alumni will likely find," McCullough added with enthusiasm, "is that the relationships we make here at EIU have a way of transcending time. I'd encourage anyone who has benefited from Eastern Illinois University to reach out and get in touch with your alma mater in any way you see fit. Share your positive stories with EIU, or ask how your involvement might benefit the university. Even the smallest donation of your time or expertise can have a lifelong impact on a student's life. It's through those types of collaborative, benevolent efforts that each of us can in some small way shape our collective world for the better."



Above: McCullough is interviewed by a local news agency to discuss the benefits of the UPS operation throughout the Asia Pacific region.

Below: UPS uses motorcycles as part of its Asia Pacific fleet. This one is a fleet vehicle in Vietnam.



2017 TRIBUTE EVENT EIU students, donors celebrate giving

The EIU Foundation celebrated scholarship and exceptional generosity at the 2017 annual Tribute celebration. The unique annual event gives donors the opportunity to interact with the students whose lives they are positively impacting through philanthropy.

More than 100 donors and 30 students attended the April event as the Foundation honored Steve Gosselin '79, as well as Randall '70 and Brenda Wright '70, with the 2017 Burnham and Nancy Neal Outstanding Philanthropist Awards at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"The EIU Foundation is grateful to its many donors for their positive impact on EIU," said Jonathan McKenzie '99, '01, the EIU Foundation's executive officer. "The Burnham and Nancy Neal Outstanding Philanthropist Award recognizes the dedication and commitment of some very special people... chief among them, Stephen, Randall and Brenda. They represent the very best of Eastern and embody the spirit of giving that the EIU Foundation encourages from its diverse and critical network of supporters."

In his remarks, Gosselin, who retired as vice president for the customer services support division at Caterpillar Inc., said "I got a very good education, but I would openly say that I got equally as much value from the influence Eastern had on my perspectives on people, on relationships, on life in general."

Randall Wright, a retired deputy vice president for Texas General Hospital in Houston, explained why giving to Eastern is important to him as well.

"As you go forward in life, you realize that the people you were with are just a reflection of the people that are going to follow you. So, supporting these students and the people coming through...it's been a lot of fun to watch," he said.

Scholarship recipient and senior political science major Frida Arellano declared it was the generosity of Eastern's alumni that even made earning a college degree possible for her.

"I can say proudly that if it weren't for your generosity, I wouldn't be here today," Arellano shared with the audience in attendance. She said while she has always had her family's support, the scholarships she received were equally vital to her success. Arellano plans to attend law school in 2018.

EIU Foundation President and event emcee Mike Finkle '62 summarized the event in fantastic fashion, saying "it is a privilege to

be associated with Eastern as together we work to perpetuate the long tradition of building intelligence, character and integrity. We bear witness to the alumni who have achieved greatness and added diversity both as nationally recognized educators and business entrepreneurs. Thank you sincerely for your investment in the aspiring seekers of truth and betterment as they come to EIU in pursuit of their dreams."

You, too, can help support EIU students with your generosity. To support an EIU scholarship, a specific department or program, or the university as a whole, visit www.eiu.edu/giving.php.



Randall and Brenda Wright share their 2017 Burnham and Nancy Neal Outstanding Philanthropist Award at the Doudna Fine Arts Center. They are joined by Foundation executive officer Jonathan McKenzie (left), EIU President David Glassman (second from right), and Foundation president Mike Finkle (right).



Award recipient Steve Gosselin shares remarks with the crowd.



Music scholarship recipient Willie Morris.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kristina Brevard rides the rails of success in Texas transportation

Kristina “Kirby” Brevard ’00 has been making bold headlines since graduating from EIU.

Currently the vice president of strategic planning and development at the Denton County Transportation Authority in North Texas, she joined top-performing international professionals earlier this year on *Influence Magazine*’s Top 100 Authority list with her work to bring transit options to the North Texas region. *Influence Magazine* is a leading online publication that boldly celebrates thought-leaders and innovators from around the world through in-depth features and articles, sharing the human story behind distinguished business successes.

According to Sharon Ricci, the magazine’s editor-in-chief and award-winning writer, Brevard caught the eye of the editorial team for her “out of the box” innovative approach to creating breakthrough mobility solutions in Texas, a state that offers complex challenges when it comes to transit planning. Brevard’s work at the regional, state, and national levels

has garnered her multiple awards including recognition as a Top 40 under 40 by *Mass Transit Magazine* and a Rising Star by *Progressive Railroading*.

“There are so many things I enjoy about my career,” Brevard noted. “There is tremendous opportunity to have a positive impact in the North Texas region. The region is booming, which presents a great need for transportation infrastructure and a huge opportunity for joint development projects between the public and private sectors through strategic partnerships. I look forward to watching the growth continue and am excited to see some of the projects we’ve been working on come to fruition.”

But before becoming what some might call a North Texas transportation celebrity, Brevard—who often just goes by her maiden name, Kirby—enjoyed living and learning on Eastern Illinois University’s Charleston campus. For her, it was a training ground for shaping her into the professional she worked spiritedly to become.

“I have many fond classroom memories,” she said. “With the small classroom size, I had many opportunities to truly engage with professors...even remembering my name

when they saw me on campus. That’s the type of unique experience you get at Eastern Illinois University.”

“Some of my best memories revolve around the friendships I developed while a student at EIU,” she continued. “I made many friends through classes, campus involvement and living in the residence halls. Growing up in a small town, I always enjoyed getting to know other students from other areas of the state. When I attended school at Eastern, there were many students from the Chicagoland area who exposed me to the ‘big city’ life.”

For those reasons, Brevard felt like EIU really gave her the freedom to grow into her personal and professional self.

“I spent four years living, working, and learning at EIU, and I’m so proud of the time I spent there,” she said. “The personable environment at EIU provides a wonderful place to get your education, build lasting friendships, and get an incredible college experience. No matter where my life takes me, I will always call EIU ‘home.’”

Brevard—also a former resident assistant—recalled the importance of being an engaged student while at EIU as well.

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As vice president of strategic planning and development, Brevard is responsible for the agency's land use strategy, including land acquisition and development, as well as the agency's long-range transportation planning to ensure adequate infrastructure is in place to meet the incredible growth of the North Texas region.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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"I am grateful that I was able to live on campus, and to be involved in student life and residential life," she said. "Those activities had a direct impact on my success at Eastern and the overall experience helped me develop a pride for the university and motivated me to excel in school and in life."

Through it all, Brevard has demonstrated innovation, adaptability, and leadership in her role as a public administrator. Her work in Texas is also evidence that public administration and public planning are becoming more popular as career options for those who want to focus on public service. That's why she was so excited to hear that Eastern Illinois University offers an online certificate program in public planning to meet the enhanced needs of this growing industry. The theoretical and scientific training included in the certificate program will allow future students to enhance their skill sets in public planning, helping them to create positive outcomes in the public service industry as well.

"There are many seasoned professionals within the public sector, and a great need to hire young professionals to receive training and mentoring from these professionals to help develop a new workforce that can continue their great work after they move on," Brevard noted. "As our seasoned professionals retire, there will be ample opportunity for advancement within the industry. That makes EIU's online public planning program extremely relevant for emerging industry professionals in any area of public service."

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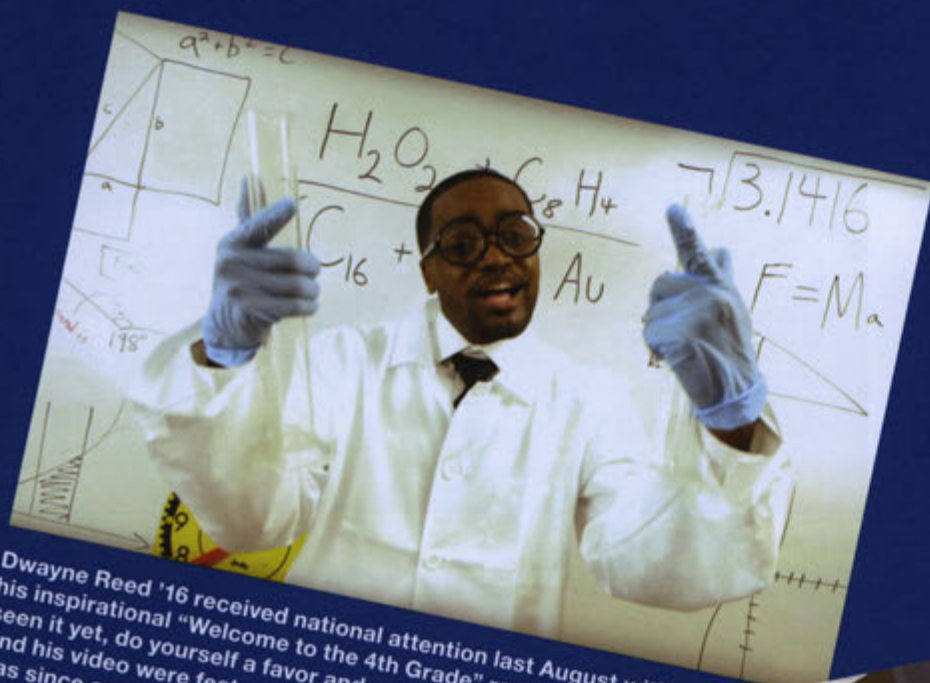
Brevard, pictured here with former EIU president Lou Hencken '66, '67 and interim admissions director Kelly Miller '89, '91, credits her EIU experience with teaching her to set goals and work hard to obtain them, as well as leveraging opportunities to learn and grow. "[Lou Hencken] was the vice president of student life and interim president during my time at EIU. He was a phenomenal leader and mentor that I will forever be grateful for," Brevard shared.

EIU's Online Public Planning Certificate

More information about EIU's online certificate in public planning option is available at www.eiu.edu/poliscigrad/publicplanningcertificate.php or by reaching out to Dr. Melinda Mueller at mamueller@eiu.edu.

PAW PRINTS

Notable news and fun features from our Panther peers



Dwayne Reed '16 received national attention last August with his inspirational "Welcome to the 4th Grade" rap. If you haven't seen it yet, do yourself a favor and search for it on YouTube. He and his video were featured on Good Morning America, and it has since amassed more than 1.3 million views. Reed's video shows the world what an EIU education can inspire you to do. "Eastern Illinois University was the perfect place for me. I am super thankful for all of my experiences there...I would choose EIU again in a heartbeat," he said.



EIU alumna Stephanie Mitchell '01 was recently a contestant on Jeopardy with Alex Trebek. This is the second time an EIU alumnus has appeared on the world-famous quiz show.



EIU got some love in the Big Apple on one early March morning. Darcy (Royster) Ruscitti '93, Dan Mueller '93, and Erin Sanders '94 displayed their Panther Pride on the outside set of The Today Show, and even got a bit of live screen time with longtime anchor Matt Lauer (inset).



Luke Freeman '04, president of Wizard Creations, is a market leader in providing clients with custom printed apparel and promotional products. Some of the company's clients include the Miami Heat, Florida Panthers, University of Miami, Florida Atlantic University, Wonder Bread, Nature's Own, Norwegian Cruise Lines, JM Family, Duty Free Caribbean Holdings, State Farm Insurance, NBA Corporate Offices, and the Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Freeman himself has led the company to year-over-year growth of 100% since inception. He was one of 50,000 applicants accepted to appear on Shark Tank in 2013, and was recently a guest on Billion Dollar Buyer, a reality TV show where small business owners compete to land the "deal of a lifetime."



Athletics Updates

Men's, women's track finish first in OVC

The Eastern Illinois men's and women's indoor track & field teams won the 2017 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track & Field Championship at home in the Lantz Fieldhouse. It marked the first time since the 2012 championship that both Eastern Illinois teams won the indoor conference title in the same year. The 2017 title marked the 17th in program history for the EIU men and the seventh for the EIU women.



EIU selects Bollant as new women's hoops coach

At an April press conference, EIU athletic director Tom Michael announced Matt Bollant as the next head coach of the women's basketball program. He becomes the ninth head coach in program history.

"I am excited to be named Head Coach at Eastern Illinois," Bollant said. "Tom Michael and Dr. Glassman have been outstanding in this process and I am so excited about bringing honor to them and this great university."

Bollant is familiar with EIU's successes, as he faced the Panthers in the second round of the Women's Post-Season NIT during the 2013 season. He comes to EIU following a five-year stint at the University of Illinois, where he had five wins over Top 25 teams while raising the team GPA to a 3.3 and boasting a 100 percent student-athlete graduation rate.

Formerly, Bollant also served as head coach at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and for five straight seasons won the Horizon League Championship and made post-season appearances—four of which were in the NCAA Tournament. He has coached at Bryan College, winning three conference championships and four straight trips to the NAIA National Tournament, and spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Indiana University, helping the Hoosiers win the 2002 Big Ten Championship. He was also an assistant at Evansville as the team won the 1999 Missouri Valley Conference Championship—the first title in that program's history.

Bollant is a 1994 graduate of Winona State University. He and his wife Kari have two daughters, Abi and Regan.

25 years ago...

In 1992, the Panthers ran through the Mid-Continent Conference tournament, winning three straight games over Wright State, UW Green Bay and Illinois-Chicago to secure their first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance. EIU had entered the Mid-Con tournament as the four seed. Their reward was a trip to Boise, Idaho, where they faced Indiana in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Rick Samuels coached the team with Dave Olson '93 serving as the team captain. EIU would lose to Indiana, a power-team that advanced to the Final Four before losing to the national championship Duke team.





Former EIU QB Jimmy Garoppolo hoists the Lombardi Trophy after the New England Patriots mounted a monumental comeback victory in Super Bowl LI in February. Congrats, Jimmy!



Former EIU QB Tony Romo ended his NFL playing career in 2017 after playing with the Dallas Cowboys from 2003-2016 and announced plans to segue into the CBS broadcast booth as an NFL color commentator. From Booth Library to the broadcast booth...we're looking forward to it!



TOP 20 EIU student-athletes in the OVC Era



Eastern Illinois Athletics wrapped up its 20th year as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference in 2016. To celebrate the many accomplishments of both teams and individuals during that period, EIU conducted an online poll asking fans to select the top 20 student-athletes of the Panthers' OVC Era. The original list of 40 athletes was comprised by a committee looking at a variety of criteria, including Player of the Year, All-American selections and multiple-time first-team All-OVC honors. Here are the results!

#20 Meleah Cutler '01 (Volleyball/1996-99)



Cutler earned first team All-OVC honors in both 1998 and 1999. One of 12 players in EIU volleyball history to have collected more than 1,000 kills and digs for their careers, she currently ranks second on the EIU career list for service aces with 173. She is also third in career kills with 1,268 and fifth in career digs with 1,484.

#19 Sean Lyons '99 (Baseball/1996-99)



Lyons was a first team All-OVC selection in 1997 and 1998 while earning second team honors as a senior in 1999. He led the team in both hits and doubles all three seasons graduating as the school's career leader in both categories. Currently ranked seventh in career hits with 230, he remains tied for the school record with 182 runs scored.

#18 Rick Kaye '11 (Men's Basketball/1995-98)



A two-time All-OVC selection, Kaye averaged 21.1 points per game as a senior when he finished second in the league's scoring race by 0.4 points. He ended his career in EIU's top ten for scoring with 1,351 points – a total that now ranks 13th on the Panthers career chart – and was the first player to earn All-OVC honors for the men's basketball team.

#17 Jade Riebold '14, '16 (Women's Track & Field/2012-14)



A four-time All-American in the pole vault, Riebold placed second at the 2013 NCAA Division I Indoor Championships and returned during the outdoor season to place third. In addition, she set both the OVC and school records, with bests of 14'7.25" indoors and 14'5.25" outdoors. Twice named the OVC Indoor Field Athlete of the Year, she earned the honor outdoors once and also competed at the U.S. National Championships in 2013.

#16 Rachel Galligan '09 (Women's Basketball/2006-09)



Galligan was named the OVC Freshman of the Year before earning first team All-OVC honors her final three years in a Panther uniform. She finished her career ranked first on the EIU scoring list with 1,891 points and currently ranks first for blocked shots (185) and fifth in rebounds (794). In addition, Galligan earned first-team All-OVC honors in track, winning the javelin as a junior and advancing to the NCAA Regionals. She ranks fifth in school history with a mark of 137'2".

#15 Cara LeMaster '04 (Women's Soccer/1999-02)



Named the OVC Freshman of the Year in 1999, LeMaster was named first-team all-conference three times, while also receiving second team honors as a sophomore. As a junior, LeMaster helped lead EIU to the first of what would be four straight trips to the NCAA College Cup before being named third-team All-Great Lakes Region as a senior. She finished her career ranked in EIU's top ten for goals (22), assists (22), points (66) and game-winning goals (8).

#14 Erica Gerth '04 (Volleyball/2001-04)



Gerth was a member of the OVC All-Newcomer team as a freshman before earning first-team All-OVC and Academic All-America honors as a junior and senior. The school's career leader in attack attempts and kills, she currently ranks third for service aces with 171 and was the record holder in digs when she completed her playing career. As a senior, she was named the OVC Volleyball Player of the Year, the OVC Overall Female Athlete of the Year, a first-team All-

Midwest Region selection and honorable mention All-American.

#13 Kandace Arnold '10 (Women's Track & Field/2007-10)



The first Eastern Illinois women's track & field athlete to advance to the NCAA Division I National Championships, Arnold placed 16th in the shot put and was named the OVC Overall Female Athlete of the Year in 2010. She began her career as the OVC Freshman of the Year in 2007 and was twice named the OVC Championships MVP, setting the conference record for the shot put as a senior with a throw of 51'7.75".

Arnold held the school record in five events upon graduation.

#12 Reynae Hutchinson '14 (Volleyball & Softball/2010-14)



A four-year starter in two sports, she ranks fourth on the EIU career kills list with 1,258 and is one of 12 players to finish their EIU careers with more than 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs. On the softball diamond, Hutchinson played first base and spent some time in the pitcher's circle as well. As a senior she earned first-team All-OVC honors and is the career leader in sacrifice flies, ranks fourth in career RBI with 104, and fifth in career home runs with 19.

#11 Erik Lora '14 (Football/2009-13)



As a junior he was named the OVC Offensive Player of the Year and Overall Male Athlete of the Year, setting the FCS single season record for pass receptions with 136 for 1,664 yards. A two-time first-team All-American, he finished fourth in voting for the Walter Payton Award as a junior and seventh as a senior. Lora ended his career with 322 total catches for 4,006 yards, both of which rank as EIU and OVC career records and his 35 career touchdown

receptions rank first all-time in the OVC and second at EIU.



#10 Amber May '11, '12 (Softball/2009-11)



May pitched the EIU softball team to its most successful season as an NCAA Division I member on her way to being named the OVC Pitcher of the Year in 2011. As a senior, she led EIU to a 40-12 record including the Panthers first OVC regular season title while posting 23 wins – second most in school history – and earning second-team All-Region honors. A two-time All-OVC pick after being named to the All-OVC Newcomer team in 2009, all three of her seasons in the

circle saw her post win totals that rank in the school's single season career top ten. She finished her playing days with 57 wins and 582 strikeouts – both good for second at EIU following her graduation – and also ranks second in career saves and third in career innings.

#9 Beth Liesen '04, '07 (Women's Soccer/2000-03)



The most prolific goal scorer in conference history, Liesen was a four-time first-team All-OVC selection, beginning her career as the OVC Freshman of the Year and capping it with OVC Player of the Year honors in 2003. She set the EIU freshman record for goals with 15 and ended her career with 62 goals and 149 career points, both ranking first on the EIU and OVC career lists. During her senior season she scored a school and conference record 20 goals and was

a first-team All-Region selection after previously earning second-team and freshman-team accolades.

#8 Mick Viken '14 (Men's Track & Field/2011-14)



Earning All-American honors four times in the pole vault, Viken opened his career as the OVC 2011 Freshman of the Year for both indoor and outdoor track and was named all-conference seven times. He set the OVC records for the pole vault for both indoor and outdoor track and is currently first indoors and second outdoors at EIU. The 2012 OVC Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year, he earned first-team All-American honors after placing eighth at the NCAA Indoor National

Championships. In addition to success in competition, Viken was a two-time Academic All-American.

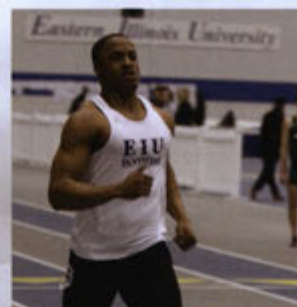
#7 J.R. Taylor '03 (Football/1999-2002)



Taylor set the EIU single-season record for rushing touchdowns as a junior in 2001 – scoring 18 times to earn first-team All-OVC honors – and matched that total his senior season to once again earn first-team All-OVC honors when he rushed for 1,522 yards on his way to consensus first team All-American honors. He set the school single game record for rushing yards with 308 in a win over Florida Atlantic and ranks fourth all-time on the EIU career rushing list with

3,705 yards. He is first on the EIU career scoring list with 51 touchdowns (third all-time in the OVC) and 310 total points.

#6 Zye Boey '12 (Men's Track/2009-12)



The fastest athlete in Eastern Illinois history, Boey won a total of 12 individual titles with six indoors (60m & 200m) and six outdoors (100m & 200m). During his career, he won five combined OVC Athlete of the Year honors for track and was named the OVC Championships MVP on five occasions. He set school records in all four sprint events with times of 6.66 in the indoor 60m, 20.89 in the indoor 200m, 10.15 in the outdoor 100m and 20.37 in the outdoor 200m. A

five-time Division I All-American, his best NCAA National Championships finish was seventh in the indoor 200m as a junior. Boey also competed in the Olympic Trials for the 2012 London Games in both the 100m and 200m events.

#5 Kyle Hill ex '02

(Men's Basketball/1998-01)



Hill helped lead Eastern Illinois men's basketball to the NCAA Division I Tournament for only the second time in school history and was named the OVC Tournament MVP in 2001 while averaging 23.8 points per game. He finished his career with 1,819 points, a total that ranks third all-time at EIU after netting 32 points in the NCAA Tournament against Arizona. A three-time All-OVC selection with first-team honors in 2000 and 2001, he finished his career ranked in the

top five at EIU in career steals (2nd with 168), 3-pointers (3rd with 211) and assists (5th with 310). He was also named MVP of the NABC Collegiate All-Star game at the 2001 Final Four.

#4 Kyle O'Brien '03

(Men's Cross Country & Track/2001-03)

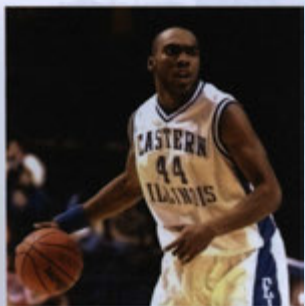


O'Brien earned the OVC Overall Male Athlete of the Year award in 2002-03 after winning individual championships in the OVC cross country meet; 3K and 5K races at the Indoor Championships; and 5K and 10K races at the Outdoor Championships. He won a total of nine individual OVC distance event championships over two and half seasons and was a first-team All-OVC selection 12 times. As a senior he was named the OVC

Athlete of the Year for cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track, becoming the first OVC athlete to accomplish that feat. O'Brien ranks in the top ten at EIU all-time in the 6K for cross country, indoor track 5k, outdoor track 5k and outdoor track 10K.

#3 Henry Domercant '03

(Men's Basketball/2000-03)



Domercant was one of the nation's most prolific scorers – with his 2,602 career points ranking first on both the EIU and OVC career charts – as he ended his collegiate career ranked in the top 30 for NCAA Division I career points. As a sophomore he helped lead the team to the NCAA Basketball Tournament, finishing fifth in the nation in scoring that season (22.8). He would finish second in the nation in scoring each of the next two seasons averaging 26.4 points as

a junior and 27.9 points as a senior. He is one of only 11 NCAA Division I players to ever rank in the top five in scoring in the nation in three or more seasons. A three-time first team All-OVC selection and 2002 OVC Player of the Year, he earned honorable mention All-American honors by the Associated Press and was the OVC Overall Male Athlete of the Year for 2001-02. In addition to his scoring prowess, Domercant also ranks in the EIU career top ten for rebounds, steals and blocked shots.

#2 Jimmy Garoppolo ex '14

(Football/2010-13)



Inserted as the starting quarterback as a true freshman in 2010, Garoppolo would earn OVC All-Newcomer team honors that season. As a junior, he led the Panthers to the OVC regular season championship and a spot in the post-season, finishing tenth in voting for the Walter Payton Award. He opened eyes around the nation in the 2013 opener as the Panthers beat San Diego State 40-19, as that season culminated with him winning the Walter Payton Award,

OVC Player of the Year and OVC Overall Male Athlete of the Year honors. A first-team All-American, he set the single season and career records for both the OVC and EIU in total offense (5,122 season/13,089 career), passing yards (5,050 season/13,156 career), completions (375 season/1,047 career) and touchdowns (53 season/118 career). He currently ranks in the NCAA's top ten for single season and career success in touchdowns (4th season/10th career), passing yards (2nd season/7th career) and total offense (4th season/7th career).

#1 Tony Romo ex '03

(Football, 1999-2002)



While leading the team to three straight playoff appearances Romo helped EIU to 25 wins in three years including a number two national ranking in 2002. The team went 17-2 in the conference during that time and he was named OVC Player of the Year all three seasons, the only player in OVC history to receive the award that many times. He became the Panthers first winner of the Walter Payton Award in 2002 after finishing 10th (2001) and 11th (2000) and was

a three-time All-American earning consensus first team honors as a senior. Romo captained an efficient offense as he finished his career ranked first in passing efficiency at EIU with a 157.5 rating, a number that ranks ninth all-time in the NCAA FCS books. At the conclusion of his career, he was the school and OVC leader in career touchdown passes and continues to rank among the elite quarterbacks at EIU in statistics ranking second in career touchdowns (85), third in career total offense (8,059) and third in career passing yards (8,212).

CLASS NOTES

1960s



Dennis Vidoni '68 has published two books: Canoeing The Kaskaskia: A Father & Son Short Story and White Shirts In The Wilderness: A Brothers Survival Short Story (ebook). After EIU, he went on to earn a Ph.D. in counseling psychology and has worked at a variety of higher

education institutions across the nation. He is now retired and lives with his wife Mary in Urbana, Illinois.

1970s



David Stelmazewski '73 superintendent of Boerne Independent School District (Texas) since 2011 will retire at the close of the

2016-17 academic year. In his five and a half years as superintendent, Stelmazewski led two successful bond initiatives that have facilitated the district's response to rapid enrollment growth while also significantly enhancing classroom technology and reinforcing security on all campuses. He followed his old college coach from Eastern Illinois University, Don Eddy, to Texas, where he served as teacher and coach at John Jay High School.

1980s



Dr. Debbi Burdick '82 was named the American Association of School Administrators' (AASA) National

Superintendent of the Year for Arizona, and represented the state at the AASA National Conference in March. She will represent the state at the national event in Washington D.C. this November. Dr. Burdick has been a teacher, principal and teaching consultant, as well as an adjunct professor. She is a celebrated educator, having earned a National Christa McAuliffe Fellowship from the USDOE and recognition as the Paradise Valley Community College Outstanding Community Leader. Currently, Dr. Burdick serves on the ASA's Executive Board as the immediate past president, chairperson of the Greater PHX Education Management Council, and is a Governing Board member of the AASA.



Timothy DeLisle '89 has joined Lawrence-based Black Box Corp. as vice president of sales for its North American Commercial Services

business unit. DeLisle, who brings more than 25 years of experience from the technology industry and extensive knowledge of leading sales organizations within the sector, was previously vice president of enterprise sales and strategic alliances at EarthLink. He has also held leadership roles with EMC Corp., Sungard, Comdisco and Unisys Corp.



David Dugan '82 was appointed circuit judge on the 3rd Judicial Circuit, which covers Madison and Bond counties. Dugan has worked in

private practice focused on civil litigation since 1986 and has served as a part-time assistant state's attorney. In addition to his work as an attorney, Dugan is a board member at Options Now and counsel for

Riverbend Family Ministries and Community Hope Center. He has been married to Susan Dugan for 30 years, and their daughter, Capt. Sarah Martin, serves in the U.S. Air Force.



Dave Hogaboom '86 has joined Guidant Wealth Advisors in Palatine as an equity partner as a director of business development.

Hogaboom came to Guidant from his previous role as national sales manager for NorthStar Securities, LLC.



Harry Hutchison '87 was honored with the Hillsboro SERTOMA Club's Service to Mankind award earlier this year for his efforts in helping others.

Among his numerous community-related activities, he has participated in seven trips to Guatemala to help improve the lives of impoverished residents, served as a member of the Imagine Hillsboro committee, sat on the board of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation, and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 20 years, including serving as Grand Knight in 1996-1997. The president of National Bank from 2000 to 2016, he was also instrumental in building the new National Bank headquarters in downtown Hillsboro.



Todd Lindsey '87 of Urbana has been named a treasury management sales officer at Heartland Bank and Trust Company, where

he is responsible for developing new business relationships and assisting

existing business clients with their deposit and treasury management needs. Having earned the Certified Treasury Professional designation, he has 23 years of banking and financial experience.



Sherry Plain '87 was named the managing broker of Coldwell Banker Honig-Bell's Decatur office, where she has been a leading realtor

since 1997. She is also active within the community and regularly volunteers her time serving several organizations, including the Junior Welfare Association, Noon Kiwanis, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Decatur Celebration.

1990s



Asif Kadiani '90 has joined Murphy Company in St. Louis as a senior design-build engineer. A registered professional engineer in

Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Oklahoma, he is also a certified energy manager, a green building engineer, and a LEED-accredited professional and a member of the editorial advisory board for HPAC Magazine.

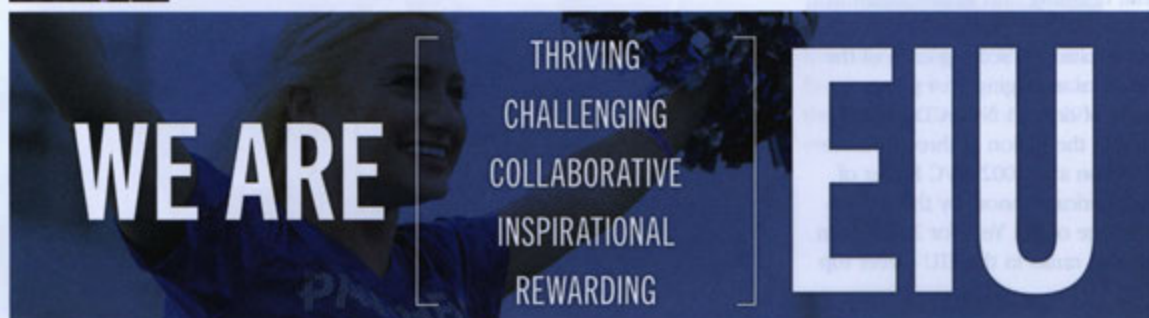


Tim Carver '96, associate principal at Urbandale (Iowa) High School who oversees special education and other student management, was named the

2015-16 Iowa Assistant Principal of the Year by School Administrators of Iowa. Before becoming an administrator, he taught speech and English at Urbandale and Winterset high schools and also coached speech, debate, football, and basketball.



Chad Gann '91 joined the FCI Paris team in February as its regional manager. Prior to that, he worked for 25 years with Cargill, Inc.



There, he held various roles within the dry milling business including production management, commodity merchandising, and business leadership and advisement.



Michael R. Gagliardo '93 was named music director and conductor of the Gadsden (Alabama) Symphony Orchestra last

year. He served as principal guest conductor during the 2015-2016 season before being promoted to music director. Gagliardo also has served as the music director and conductor of the Etowah Youth Orchestras since 1995, a position he continues to hold. A recognized composer and arranger, his composition *Corbeau: Suite for Orchestra* received its Carnegie Hall premiere in June 2015.



Suzette Hesser '82, '95, '00 has been named the new superintendent of the Hoopston Area School District. The first teacher in

Vermilion County to earn National Board Teacher Certification, she began her career as a teacher at the elementary level. She is currently completing a doctoral degree in educational leadership, attended the Graduate School of Education Principal Center in Boston, and was selected to participate in the AASA's Aspiring Superintendents Program in Washington, D.C.



Chris Perry '95 is the host of Travel Channel's new amusement series *Epic Attractions*. Chris takes viewers on a behind the scenes, all access

pass to the best attractions in the amusement industry. From swimming with penguins in Dubai to flyboarding in the Wisconsin Dells to "blobbing" in the Austrian Alps, Chris helps people understand what makes these attractions tick and what makes them so special. He is a senior associate with Ellis & Associates and currently sits on the International Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions board of directors.

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Larry Smith '91 anchors Good Morning Washington weekday mornings on ABC7/WJLA and News Channel 8 in Washington, DC. He was

formerly a sports anchor for CNN and Turner Sports for more than 20 years and has covered more than 60 major championships including Final Fours, Super Bowls, Masters tournaments, BCS title games, the Olympics, and World Series games. In addition, he was also the weekend and morning news anchor at WCPO in Cincinnati and sports director and weekend news anchor for WGCL in Atlanta.



Candace Smith-Tucker '90 serves as director of the Sections Department with the District of Columbia Bar where

she oversees an annual budget of nearly \$2 million and the daily operations of 20 sections, delivering service and area-specific content to approximately 23,000 members. With a total membership of more than 100,000 the District of Columbia Bar is the third largest mandatory Bar association in the United States. In her current role since 2008, she also advises and supports a volunteer governing body of attorneys, provides regular updates to the DC Bar Board of Governors and is frequently engaged with leadership in strategic planning efforts.

2000s



Timothy Allen '03 joined Levi, Ray & Shoup Consulting Services as an account executive. Previously, he was with

Jelly IT Resources as a business development representative.



Jared Bayler '03 will serve as the new executive director of the Vigo County Area Planning Department in Terre Haute (Indiana). He had

served as interim director since 2016 after beginning with the organization as an assistant director for area planning in 2014.



Neoga Community Unit School District #3 announced **Benjamin Johnson '03** has been selected for the position of district

superintendent. Johnson served as assistant superintendent and has been an administrator with the district since 2005. Prior to joining the Neoga School District as high school principal, Johnson held the position of assistant principal at Massac County High School in Metropolis. He also taught high school math and coached basketball and track at Anna-Jonesboro and Rochelle High Schools.

2010s



Macie Benton '14 has been promoted to associate in Hickory Point Bank's commercial banking division,

where she will work with local businesses and real estate professionals in the Decatur area providing comprehensive lending and treasury management solutions. She joined the bank in 2015 as a credit analyst and has experience in underwriting commercial loans as well as providing analytical and relationship management support. She also is an active volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association.



Kevin Jeanes '10 got his start by working at WEIU-TV for four years in Charleston. That experience led to him receiving national recognition for

three consecutive years at the NAB conference in Las Vegas. Jeanes earned his NWA meteorology seal of approval in 2011 before working at WWBT in Richmond, Virginia for three-and-a-half years. Currently, he is chief meteorologist for KOLD-TV Tucson (Arizona).



Samantha Quero '14 is the associate editor at UrbanMatter, an online resource for identifying entertainment, dining, event, and cultural activities

in Chicago. She joined the company to help promote stories and recommendations for Chicagoans and visitors after previously working in the family services field.



The Phi Alpha Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha held its 40th Anniversary reunion in April, with more than 100 alumni and undergraduate brothers gathered at the EIU Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union for a meal and program of celebration. Alumni traveled from Hawaii, California, Arizona, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kentucky and parts of Illinois to participate in the celebration. Lambda Chi Alpha alumni have gifted over \$100,000 in endowed funds benefiting the chapter. (Photo by Mike Mahoney)

MARRIAGES



Henry Kiertscher II '72 and Linda Mock, October 28, 2015

Jenna Day '13 and Thorne Martin, June 11, 2016

Chelsea Meinhart '11, '12 and Clayton Zerrusen, September 3, 2016

Daniel Mette '10, and Lyssa Rebholz of Indianapolis (Indiana) announced their engagement. The groom works as a sixth grade math and science teacher at Zionsville West Middle School in Indiana. The wedding will take place February 24, 2018.



Jenna Day '13 and Thorne Martin

BIRTHS



Jenna Rich '15 and Brock Rich;
Remington Laine Rich, daughter, March 27, 2017



IN MEMORIAM

1930-1939

Esther Louise Pricer '32, Oakwood, Illinois, December 13, 2016

1940-1949

Louise (Teagarden) McConnell '43, Reno, Nevada, March 6, 2017

Krystal Leah (Scott) Hall '44, Mendota, Illinois, March 17, 2017

Kathryn Elizabeth (Dively) Seaman '44, Columbus, Ohio, April 7, 2016

James Watson Smith '46, Springfield, Illinois, November 8, 2016

Ellen M. (Hanks) Wilcoxon '48, Rantoul, Illinois, March 3, 2017

1950-1959

Richard L. Olmstead '50,'57, El Paso, Texas, April 2, 2017

Polly Ann (Lowry) Hayes '51, New Berlin, Illinois, March 8, 2017

Dorothy L. Groves '52, Berea, Kentucky, August 16, 2015

John Ira Alexander '53, Newton, Illinois, December 13, 2016

James Faris Brubeck '53, Palmetto, Florida, December 3, 2016

Max R. Rennels '53, Bangkok, Thailand, February 8, 2017

Robert Bruce McKay '54, North Troy, Vermont, November 24, 2016

Mary Alice (Rigg) Peterson '54, Morris, Illinois, January 13, 2017

Audree (McMillan) Riddell '55, '74, New Harmony, Indiana, November 7, 2016

Lelah Mae (Newman) Thompson '55, Champaign, Illinois, December 24, 2016

Dale Ivan Edwards '56, Urbana, Illinois, January 13, 2017

Joan Elizabeth (Young) Kenny '57, Decatur, Illinois, August 15, 2016

Clifford Mack Nugent, Jr. '57, Mesa, Arizona, January 2, 2017

Algury K. (Davis) Swisher '57, Greenup, Illinois, January 27, 2017

Sherill Mae (Harrold) Crivello '58, Monticello, Illinois, April 3, 2017

Richard E. Harrison '58, '61, North Aurora, Illinois, January 1, 2016

Charlotte June (Greenwell) Spraggins '58, Howell, Michigan, January 23, 2017

Emilie Ann Redmon '59, San Clemente, California, April 21, 2017

1960-1969

L. Thomas Barber '60, Lynchburg, Virginia, February 27, 2017

Allen D. Sawyer '60, Dallas, Texas, February 4, 2017

Richard K. Armstrong '61, Decatur, Illinois, January 5, 2017

Charles Vincent Eads '61, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 4, 2012

Jerry Eugene Kimball '61, Grand Rapids, Mich., March 22, 2017

Carolyn Sue (Boster) Randall '61, O'Fallon, Illinois, June 28, 2016

Donald E. Shepardson '61, Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 2, 2017

Marilyn Ruth (Shaw) Taylor '61, Jacksonville, Illinois, March 16, 2017

Charles "Chuck" Henry Fuller '62, Hot Springs Village, Arizona, January 15, 2017

Joann C. (Bostic) Sanders '62, '70, Charleston, Illinois, March 24, 2017

Constance Carolyn Callahan '63, Red Bluff, California, March 3, 2017

Raymond Allen Hatton '63, Chester, Virginia, January 14, 2017

Janice Lee (Wood) Kelly '63, Robinson, Illinois, April 14, 2017

Chester J. Balzer '64, Virginia, Illinois, March 3, 2017

Judith Lee (Kamin) Herder '64, Frankfort, Illinois, December 9, 2016

Robert Ray Bowman '65, Sycamore, Illinois, November 28, 2016

Donald Arthur Tolen '65, New Lenox, Illinois, November 23, 2016

Gary Lee Underwood '65, Naperville, Illinois, November 9, 2016

Richard R. Duff '66, Bloomington, Illinois, March 6, 2017

Stephen Burl Schnorf '66, '73, Rochester, Illinois, February 27, 2017

Richard W. Crites '67, Roanoke, Virginia, September, 2015

Elizabeth Leona (Kulze) Easley '67, Bloomington, Indiana, January, 2001

Robert Steven Hill '67, Carrollton, Texas, August 10, 2016

Roland Marshall III '67, Foster City, California, November 17, 2016

Michael L. Monts '67, Clinton, Illinois, November 4, 2012

Wilma Ann (Schmidt) Pofahl '67, Lexington, Kentucky, July 22, 2016

Lynn A. (Ackermann) Granger '69, Moro, Illinois, September 13, 2016

David G. Renaud '69, '71, Lisle, Illinois, January 13, 2017

1970-1979

Mary J. (Geske) Ballsrud '70, Monticello, Illinois, March 6, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

David Ron Cruse '70, Champaign, Illinois, December 11, 2016

Catherine Mary (Schultz) Long '70, Springfield, Illinois, February 4, 2017

Elizabeth R. (Monik) Sommer '70, Bristol, Wisconsin, March 23, 2017

Kathleen S. Hale '71, Orlando, Florida, December 14, 2016

Bernadette Mary (Rossi) Miller '71, Tinley Park, Illinois, December 2, 2016

Karen Sue (Welch) Venz '71, '72, Beardstown, Illinois, November 15, 2016

Kay Graham (McCoy) Althoff '72, Argenta, Illinois, March 3, 2017

Deborah J. (Cooley) Eckert '72, Lincoln, Illinois, January 25, 2017

Dorothy A. Bucher '73, Collinsville, Illinois, February 18, 2017

Vranda Maria (Barclay) Goebel '73, Jackson, Michigan, November 5, 2016

Janice Kay Phillips '73, Rantoul, Illinois, January 4, 2017

Aileen M. Sherline '73, Mattoon, Illinois, October 24, 2016

Patricia Yvonne (Gimmy) Boothby '74, Gillette, Illinois, January 20, 2017

Gary C. Watt '74, Janesville, Wisconsin, March 12, 2017

Jean K. Gammill '75, Humboldt, Illinois, February 13, 2017

Charles Edward Behl '76, Gainesville, Florida, January 10, 2017

William "Sonny" A. Long '76, Anthony, Florida, December 15, 2016

Stephen G. Macy '76, Scottsdale, Arizona, May 3, 2012

Ann Marie Szara (Seibt) '76, Crown Point, Indiana, March 3, 2017

Dolores M. (Helm) Helm-Nicholson '77, Bloomington, Illinois, December 27, 2016

Martha E. (Fitton) Wolf '77, Rantoul, Illinois, December 30, 2016

Margaret Lynne (Morris) Zischke '78, Nampa, Idaho, October 24, 2016

1980-1989

Scott R. Lensink '81, Mattoon, Illinois, December 5, 2016

Alice Marie (Clemens) Augustyniak '82, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, November 25, 2016

Judith Kay (McCollum) Cassady '82, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, February 22, 2017

Wayne F. Fora '84, '87, Bement, Illinois, November 8, 2016

James William Robb '84, Wauconda, Illinois, December 20, 2016

James O. Strutner '84, Farmer City, Illinois, April 1, 2017

Sherri Ann (Hippensteel) Drauden '85, Galesburg, Illinois, January 1, 2017

Patrick James Mangin '86, Frankfort, Illinois, December 4, 2016

LaDonna L. (Wallace) Talbert '86, '11, Wayne City, Illinois, November 28, 2016

Richard Scott Hunt '88, Rockford, Illinois, December 2, 2016

1990-1999

Gregory Bruce Stoner '91, St. Elmo, Illinois, November 5, 2016

Beth I. Upton '98, Lerna, Illinois, January 1, 2017

2000-2009

Mark Robert Nielsen '09, Mahomet, Illinois, December 26, 2016

2010-2017

Byron Edingburg '17, Charleston, Illinois, April 22, 2017

IN MEMORIAM, FACULTY AND STAFF

Janet M. Lambert
Decorah, Iowa
April 24, 2016
Former Assistant Professor

Victor E. Robeson
Tombstone, Arizona
December 23, 2016
Former Associate Vice President for Facilities

Betty L. (Childress) Winnett
Gays, Illinois
January 5, 2017
Former Maintenance Personnel

Richard Kent Crome '74
Charleston, Illinois
March 19, 2016
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Allen C. McCowan
Lockport, Illinois
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